

METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A DRIVE IMAGE IN A
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method for performing a write operation to a hard drive or other memory space
is provided. The hard drive is represented as at least two files. The first file is a parent drive and
includes some content of the hard drive. Writes made to the hard drive are recorded in a second
file, known as a differencing drive. Because no changes are made to the content of the parent
drive, the content of the hard drive may be rolled back to the content of the parent drive by
discarding the differencing drive.